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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 08/657,749
Filed: May 30, 1996
Title: **Nucleic Acid Sequences Encoding a Plant Cytoplasmic Protein
Involved in Fatty Acyl-CoA Metabolism**
Applicants: James G. METZ *et al.*
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
2. Information Disclosure Statement (1 page);
3. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) with 15 accompanying references; and
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Applicant requests that the \$770 fee for filing a request for continued examination be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16518.025.

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Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16518.025. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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